REMARKS

Claims 1-32 stand rejected. Claims 2, 8, 17, and 28 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12-16, 18- 27, and 29-32 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-16, 18-27, 29-32 remain pending. Applicants request reconsideration of these pending claims in view of the following remarks.

I.   Claim Objections

Claims 4-6 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being multiple dependent claims that depend from multiple dependent claims. Claims 4-6 have been amended to not depend from other multiple dependent claims. Applicants request that the objections to these claims be withdrawn.

II.   Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-3, 7-13, 15-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0950 968 A1 (the Takayama reference). As noted above, claims 2, 8, 17, and 28 have been canceled.

A.   Claims 1 and 3

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites that the "uploading from a first wireless communication terminal" is "performed with only data updated after the subscriber information card was mounted on the first wireless communication terminal, **while leaving the uploaded data in the memory** in the first wireless communication terminal." Claim 1 also recites that the "uploading the content of the memory in the second wireless communication terminal" is "performed with only data uploaded after the subscriber information card was mounted on the second wireless communication terminal, **while leaving the uploaded data in the memory** in the second wireless communication terminal." Applicants assert that these limitations are not disclosed in the Takayama reference. In particular, the Takayama reference specifically discloses that

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"mobile user terminal 13900 **deletes all the data held in the RAM 1502**" when the SIM card is removed from the terminal. (Emphasis added; paragraph [2108].)

Claim 1 recites that "downloading the data to a second wireless communication terminal" is "performed with only data which is present in the storage area of the server and which is not present in the memory of the second wireless communication terminal." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference because in the Takayama reference, as mentioned above, the data held in RAM 1502 is deleted when the data is uploaded. Thus, all of the data that has been uploaded will be downloaded in the Takayama reference.

Claim 1 recites that "uploading from a first wireless communication terminal…is allowed to be executed at least under conditions that the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card and **an authenticated user of the first wireless communication terminal**." Claim 1 also recites that "uploading the contents of the memory in the second wireless communication terminal…is allowed to be executed at least under conditions that the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card and **an authenticated user of the second wireless communication terminal**." Applicants assert that these limitations are not disclosed in the Takayama reference.

In particular, the Examiner cited to paragraphs [2109], [2112], and [2115] of the Takayama reference, in rejecting dependent claim 2. Paragraph [2109] discloses that data stored in the RAM of the mobile user terminal is uploaded when the SIM card is removed. Paragraph [2112] discloses downloading data to the mobile user terminal to which the SIM card is attached. Paragraph [2115] discloses that the data updating process, which is performed when the SIM card is attached and removed, is not required because the data stored in the RAM 1502 is held in the nonvolatile memory of the SIM card. These paragraphs, however, do not disclose or suggest determining whether the user is the authenticated user of the mobile user terminal from which data is uploaded when the SIM card is attached.

Additionally, as disclosed in paragraph [0009] of the present application, in a SIM card system in which there is no association between the terminal and an authorized user (subscriber), it is possible that an unauthorized user may use their SIM card in the terminal and upload the subscriber's data stored in the flash memory of the terminal. Thus, to address this shortcoming of convention SIM card systems such as the Takayama reference, claim 1 recites uploading from a terminal (first or second wireless communication terminal) when the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card **and an authenticated user of the terminal**.

Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants assert that claim 1 is allowable over the Takayama reference. Applicants also assert that claim 3 is allowable for at least the reason that it depends from an allowable independent claim.

B.   Claims 7 and 9-13

Independent claim 7, as amended, recites that "said uploading being performed with only data updated after the subscriber information card was mounted on the wireless communication terminal, **leaving the uploaded data in the memory**." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference. In particular, the Takayama reference specifically discloses that "mobile user terminal 13900 **deletes all the data held in the RAM 1502**" when the SIM card is removed from the terminal. (Emphasis added; paragraph [2108].)

Claim 7 recites that "said downloading being performed with only data which is present in the storage unit of the server and which is not present in the memory of the wireless communication terminal." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference because in the Takayama reference, as mentioned above, the data held in RAM 1502 is deleted when the data is uploaded. Thus, all of the data that has been uploaded will be downloaded in the Takayama reference.

Claim 7 recites that "said authentication engine being adapted to allow synchronization to be executed at least under conditions that the user who requested the synchronization is confirmed to

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be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card and **an authenticated user of the terminal**." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference.

In particular, the Examiner cited to paragraphs [2109], [2112], and [2115] of the Takayama reference, in rejecting dependent claim 8. Paragraph [2109] discloses that data stored in the RAM of the mobile user terminal is uploaded when the SIM card is removed. Paragraph [2112] discloses downloading data to the mobile user terminal to which the SIM card is attached. Paragraph [2115] discloses that the data updating process, which is performed when the SIM card is attached and removed, is not required because the data stored in the RAM 1502 is held in the nonvolatile memory of the SIM card. These paragraphs, however, do not disclose or suggest determining whether the user is the authenticated user of the mobile user terminal from which data is uploaded when the SIM card is attached.

Additionally, as disclosed in paragraph [0009] of the present application, in a SIM card system in which there is no association between the terminal and an authorized user (subscriber), it is possible that an unauthorized user may use their SIM card in the terminal and upload the subscriber's data stored in the flash memory of the terminal. Thus, to address this shortcoming of convention SIM card systems such as the Takayama reference, claim 7 recites allowing synchronization when the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card **and an authenticated user of the terminal**.

Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants assert that claim 7 is allowable over the Takayama reference. Applicants also assert that claims 9-13 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from an allowable independent claim.

C.   Claims 15, 16, 18-26

Independent claim 15, as amended, recites that "said uploading being performed with only data updated after the subscriber information card was mounted on the terminal, **leaving the uploaded data in the memory**." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference. In particular, the Takayama reference specifically discloses that "mobile user

terminal 13900 **deletes all the data held in the RAM 1502**" when the SIM card is removed from the terminal. (Emphasis added; paragraph [2108].)

Claim 15 recites that "said downloading being performed with only data which is present in a storage unit of a server and which is not present in the memory of the terminal." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference because in the Takayama reference, as mentioned above, the data held in RAM 1502 is deleted when the data is uploaded. Thus, all of the data that has been uploaded will be downloaded in the Takayama reference.

Claim 15 recites that "said authentication engine allows the synchronization to be executed at least under conditions that the user who requested the synchronization is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card and **an authenticated user of the terminal**." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference.

In particular, the Examiner cited to paragraphs [2109], [2112], and [2115] of the Takayama reference, in rejecting dependent claim 17. Paragraph [2109] discloses that data stored in the RAM of the mobile user terminal is uploaded when the SIM card is removed. Paragraph [2112] discloses downloading data to the mobile user terminal to which the SIM card is attached. Paragraph [2115] discloses that the data updating process, which is performed when the SIM card is attached and removed, is not required because the data stored in the RAM 1502 is held in the nonvolatile memory of the SIM card. These paragraphs, however, do not disclose or suggest determining whether the user is the authenticated user of the mobile user terminal from which data is uploaded when the SIM card is attached.

Additionally, as disclosed in paragraph [0009] of the present application, in a SIM card system in which there is no association between the terminal and an authorized user (subscriber), it is possible that an unauthorized user may use their SIM card in the terminal and upload the subscriber's data stored in the flash memory of the terminal. Thus, to address this shortcoming of convention SIM card systems such as the Takayama reference, claim 15 recites allowing

synchronization when the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card **and an authenticated user of the terminal**.

Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants assert that claim 15 is allowable over the Takayama reference. Applicants also assert that claims 16 and 18-26 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from an allowable independent claim.

D. Claims 27 and 29-31

Independent claim 27, as amended, recites that "said synchronization being performed with only data updated after the subscriber information card was mounted on one of the wireless communication terminals, **leaving the uploaded data stored in the wireless communication terminal**." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference. In particular, the Takayama reference specifically discloses that "mobile user terminal 13900 **deletes all the data held in the RAM 1502**" when the SIM card is removed from the terminal. (Emphasis added; paragraph [2108].)

Claim 27 recites that "said authentication engine allow synchronization to be executed at least under conditions that the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card and **an authenticated user of the wireless communication terminal on which said subscriber information card is mounted**." Applicants assert that this limitation is not disclosed in the Takayama reference.

In particular, the Examiner cited to paragraphs [2109], [2112], and [2115] of the Takayama reference, in rejecting dependent claim 28. Paragraph [2109] discloses that data stored in the RAM of the mobile user terminal is uploaded when the SIM card is removed. Paragraph [2112] discloses downloading data to the mobile user terminal to which the SIM card is attached. Paragraph [2115] discloses that the data updating process, which is performed when the SIM card is attached and removed, is not required because the data stored in the RAM 1502 is held in the nonvolatile memory of the SIM card. These paragraphs, however, do not disclose or suggest determining

whether the user is the authenticated user of the mobile user terminal from which data is uploaded when the SIM card is attached.

Additionally, as disclosed in paragraph [0009] of the present application, in a SIM card system in which there is no association between the terminal and an authorized user (subscriber), it is possible that an unauthorized user may use their SIM card in the terminal and upload the subscriber's data stored in the flash memory of the terminal. Thus, to address this shortcoming of convention SIM card systems such as the Takayama reference, claim 27 recites allowing synchronization when the user is confirmed to be an authenticated user of said subscriber information card **and an authenticated user of the wireless communication terminal on which said subscriber information card is mounted**.

Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants assert that claim 27 is allowable over the Takayama reference. Applicants also assert that claims 29-31 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from an allowable independent claim.

III.   Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 14 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Takayama reference in view of US 2005/0125344 (the Utsumi reference).

Claims 14 and 32 depend from independent claims 7 and 27, respectively. As discussed above, Applicants assert that claims 7 and 27 are allowable over the Takayama reference for at least the reason that the Takayama reference fails to disclose or suggest confirming that a user is an authenticated user of the terminal from which data is to be uploaded or on which the subscriber information card is mounted. The Utsumi reference also fails to disclose or suggest this limitation. In particular, the Utsumi reference discloses verifying personal information in paragraph [0011], but does not disclose or suggest confirming that a user is an authenticated user of the terminal from which data is to be uploaded or on which the subscriber information card is mounted. Thus, Applicants assert that claims 14 and 32 are allowable over the combination of the Takayama and Utsumi reference for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claims.

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IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 448252001800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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